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Old cases pending in the High Court.

* 182 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that cases which are ten years and more old are still pending in the Madras High Court; and

(*b*) if so, the total number of such old cases pending up to 30th August 1957?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Six.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether instructions have been given to expedite the disposal of these cases?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, about these six cases that are pending and that are more than ten years' old, the High Court has furnished certain particulars which show that there are five cases in the Original Side and one case in the Appellate Side of the High Court. From the particulars, it is seen that the cases relate to declaration of title, partition, possession of properties and management of estates. The trial in the above suits is therefore prolonged and there is consequential delay in their disposal. Any-how, all steps are being taken to expedite the disposal of these cases.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Is there any proposal to call for a list of pending civil cases in mufassal courts and if so, may I know whether the Government will take early action in that regard?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The High Court has been looking into this matter now and then periodically.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Do the Government realize that delayed justice almost amounts to denied justice especially in civil cases and if so, will the Government give proper instructions to the authorities concerned to dispose of these cases as early as possible?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Not only the Government, but everyone do realize this maxim. But, I may tell the hon. Member that there is no avoidable delay on the part of the High Court and cases are being disposed of as expeditiously as possible.

Hostel in the Government Estate, Madras.

* 183 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any hostel is being built in Government Estate, Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the amount allotted for the building?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Rs. 8,55,000.